



Attendees: Derrick Byrd, Nicolle Lavertu, Cynthia Thelen, Charles McCall, Kelsey Swift, Sarah Peterson, Dalia Place, Priscilla Awkard, Geraldine Alshamy, Nikki Lyons, Gretchel Carter Hinton, Lori Krzeszewski, Vielka Gabriel, Anthony Harris, Emma James, Sheila Reich, Tangela Keaton, Paul Brown, Tamara Perkins

Welcome, Review Agenda and Meeting Minutes

- Executive Team Elections will be October 10th at 6:30 PM
- Anyone interested will have until the 4th to contact about being on the ballot, details will be sent out via email.

Information Presentation YMCA Community Hope-Kelsey Swift

- See flyer and PowerPoint attached.
- YMCA needs 100 more mentors. Mentors are volunteers, they are not paid. Mentors can be ages 16 and up.
- If anyone would like to be a mentor, contact Kelsey Swift.

NCWorks NexGen-Charles McCall

- Serve Wake County residents. NexGen offers a GED program hosted at a facility, can be referred out to Wake Tech if you prefer to go there.
- They can also cover certification fees for further learning. This certainly doesn't promote the GED program over higher education, but certifications may be the better way to go. The purpose is to put people on the career path, not just getting you a job at minimum wage. Also, they promote the high school diploma over the GED.
- Resume and mock interviews are offered before placement in job areas. The lack of address can be a barrier for some students There are homeless individuals in the program.
- An attendee asked if there are any programs for people 25-30 years old? For males with criminal backgrounds, and veterans there are a bunch of resources and programs. There are plenty of these programs at the career center under WIOA. Also, there may be some scholarships available.

Social & Economic Vitality Update Verna P. Best, SEV Program Manager

General Operation

- September-Workforce Development

- The proclamation was read at the September 5th BOC meeting. Thank you to Dynasty, our VISTA who helped craft the wording of the proclamation.
- County wide unemployment is 3%. East Wake County unemployment is 11%, 18% of unemployment is SE Raleigh and East Wake County. This raises the accountability of leadership to help.

Best Baby Zone

- Birth Equity Solutions Together (BEST)
- Disproportionate rates of infant mortality in SE Raleigh. Verna Best attended the BBZ conference this past week to address systems that have caused family to not have adequate healthcare. This effort will be community resident driven.

Community Day 2019 Debrief

- Well received by the community
- We want to create a small working group for community day, that starts planning earlier, a committee. If anyone is interested, please let Stephanie know. We will begin working before the end of year, likely Nov-Dec on Community Day 2020. Chavis would love to partner for future events, however their construction ends in 2020.
- Joint Action Team Meeting- a meeting has been proposed for October 17th, 11:30-1:30. An overview of strategic framework How action team work overlaps and ability to communicate areas of collaboration. RSVP here:

Next CAG meeting: November 19, 2019 9:30 AM